

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-34, 50-55, and 60-74 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 68, and 72 are the independent claims.

Claims 6, 12, 20, 26, 33, and 54 have been amended to change their dependencies from cancelled claim 5 to independent claim 1. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that the aforementioned amendments address each issue identified in the Office Action mailed June 27, 2006.

Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

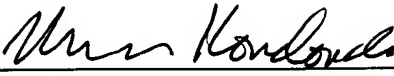
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Supplemental Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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